

"Biblical Perspective"

Becoming the People God Wants Us to Be #2

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What is the Bible?

It's a big book, full of big stories with big characters. They have big ideas (not least about themselves) and make big mistakes. It's about God and greed and grace; about life, lust, laughter, and loneliness. It's about birth, beginnings, and betrayal; about siblings, squabbles, and sex; about power and prayer and prison and passion...

And that's only Genesis.—N.T. Wright, *Simply Christian*

*The **Bible** contains 66 books, 39 in the Old **Testament** (Latin word—testamentum—"covenant.") and 27 in New Testament. It was written by more than 30 people, over 1,500 years. The Bible is the church's historical connection to Jesus and the apostles and thus has the power to preserve the church from errors of doctrine and practice.*

—Samuel Powell, *A Teacher's Guide to Understanding Scripture*

What is the Bible's Perspective?

"For every text in Scripture, there is a road to the metropolis of the Scriptures, that is Christ. And my dear brother, your business is, when you get to a text, to say, 'Now what is the road to Christ?' . . . I have never yet found a text that had not got a road to Christ in it."

—C.H. Spurgeon, *"Prince of Preachers"* (1834–92)

Luke 24:27, 44–45 ^(NIV) 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself... 44 He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." 45 Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

John 1:45

How To Develop a Biblical Perspective

1) Have a Relationship with Jesus Christ, the Living Word

John 1:14 ^(NIV) 14 The **Word** became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Hebrews 1:1-3

John 5:39–40 ^(NIV) 39 You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, 40 yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

John 7:38, 1 John 5:11-12

John 17:3 ^(NIV) 3 Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

John 20:31, 1 Thessalonians 1:5; 2:13, James 1:18, 1 Peter 2:23-25

2) Accept the Bible's Authority

2 Timothy 3:16–17 ^(NIV) 16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Matthew 5-7, Titus 2:11-14

3) Be Transformed By the Bible Through the Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 2:10–11 16 ^(NIV) 10 ...The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. 11 For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God... 16 But we have the mind of Christ.

Ephesians 1:17; 3:4-5

John 17:15–17 ^(NIV) 15 My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. 17 **Sanctify** them by the **truth**; your **word** is **truth**.

Acts 4:31, 6:7, 12:24, 19:20, Ephesians 5:25-27

4) Learn What the Bible is About (Where are we in the Story?)

Creation—Fall—Israel—Jesus—Church/Consummation

Philippians 2:9-11, Ephesians 1:9-10, Hebrews 12:28-29, Revelation 11:15

5) Obey What the Bible Says (LOVE GOD)

James 1:22 ^(NIV) 22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

Matthew 7:24-27, John 8:31-32; 15:7

1 John 2:5–6 ^(NIV) 5 But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: 6 Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.